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HITLER AND THE DEVIL

Hitler called the devil up on the phone one day,
The girl at central listened to all they had to say,
"Hello," she heard Hitler say, "Is old man satan home?
I'm running a hell here on earth, so tell me what to do."

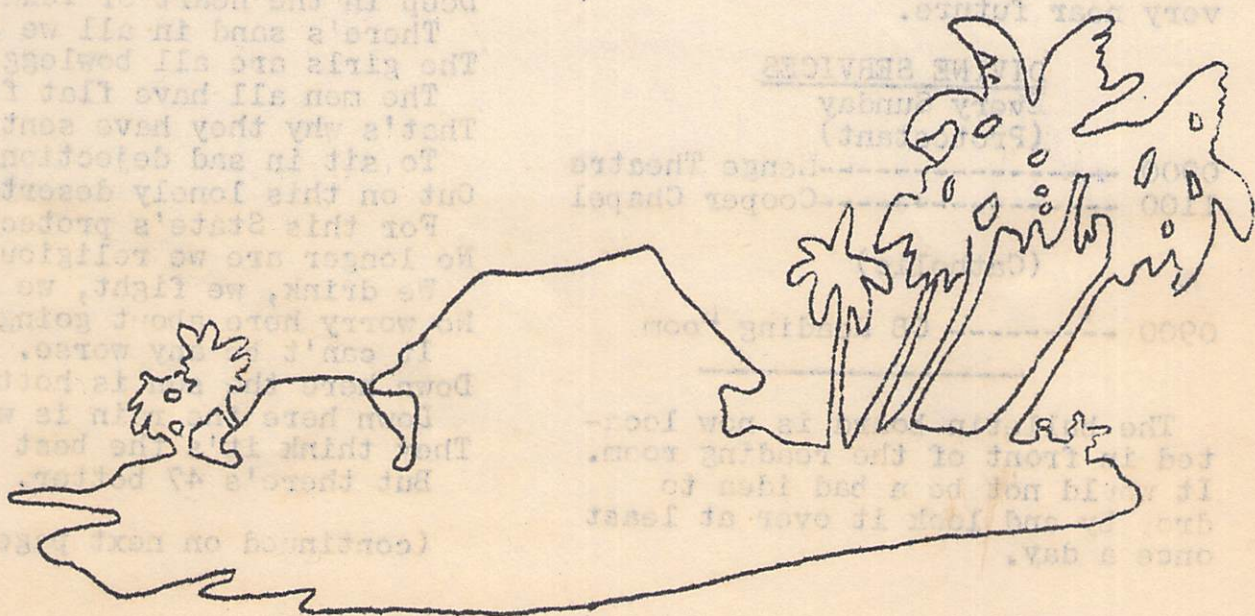
"What can I do?" the devil said,
"dear old pal of mine.
It seems that you don't need any help, you are doing very fine."
"Yes, I was doing very good until a while ago,
When a man named Uncle Sam wired me to go slow."

He said to me, "Dear Hitler, we don't want to be unkind,
But you have raised hel enough, so you better change your mind."
"My dear Hitler, there is not much left to tell,
For Uncle Sam will make it hotter there than I can here in hell."

I have been a mean old devil, but not half so mean as you,
So the minute you get here the job is yours to do."
"I'll be ready for your coming and I'll keep the fires bright,
And I'll have your room all ready when Sam begins to fight,

For I see your days are numbered
and there is nothing left to tell,
So hang up your phone, get your hat and meet me here in HELL."

(Written by a group of soldiers "down under.")



STAFFMOVIES OR THE WEEK

(Menge)

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THANKS

We wish to thank the many fellows who have contributed poems and articles to this paper. Without your help our little sheet would not be near so interesting.

What about some of you boys writing an original poem or article? We will be glad to publish anything you submit as long as it is written with the right idea in mind.

The entire staff wishes, also, to express our sincere thanks to all the fellows who have complimented our paper from time to time and who have shown their interest by seeking copies. It makes us feel that our efforts have been worthwhile. Again fellows, thank you very much.

GOOD BYE

This writer had the opportunity to stand on the finger pier a few days ago and see a group of our mates shove off for duty elsewhere. It was not easy to tell them good bye after being associated with them for these several months. We wish them the best of luck always and hope to see them again in the very near future.

DIVINE SERVICES

Every Sunday
(Protestant)

0900 ----- Menge Theatre
1100 ----- Cooper Chapel

(Catholic)

0900 ----- CB Reading Room

The bulletin board is now located in front of the reading room. It would not be a bad idea to drop by and look it over at least once a day.

NEW FACES ON STAFF

THE 76th SEABEE NEWS has lost two reporters recently. C. H. Burns, headquarters reporter, has left for medical treatment and will return as soon as necessary repairs and adjustments can be made. M. B. Edwards will handle Burn's duties until he returns. Our good friend, G. G. Dulis, Company D reporter, has departed and will not return. No successor to Dulis has been found, at this time. G. A. Denison is now the circulation manager and if you don't see a copy of the paper, blame it on him.

A YANKEE'S LAMENT

'Twas once that I was happy,
My life was filled with cheer
I never had seen Texas,
Till the Army sent me here.
I'd heard songs of her beauty,
Pretty girls and big strong men
Rolling plains-majestic mountain
Just a heaven from end to end.
The one thing that is certain,
Of this there's no denying;
The guy that spread those rumors
Did a terrible lot of lying.
Deep in the heart of Texas,
There's sand in all we eat;
The girls are all bowlegged,
The men all have flat feet.
That's why they have sent us here
To sit in sad dejection;
Out on this lonely desert,
For this State's protection.
No longer are we religious,
We drink, we fight, we curse;
No worry here about going below
It can't be any worse.
Down here the sun is hotter,
Down here the rain is wetter;
They think it's the best state,
But there's 47 better.

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There's no one to blame but me,
The Army never forget it;
I asked for foreign service,
And believe me, boy I GOT IT.

(Editor's Note: The above poem was written by a northern soldier who was training in Texas and we reprint it from a Texas newspaper. Don't unsheath the knives, boys.)

WELCOME

We extend a hearty welcome to Lt. Comdr. Koleszar and Lt. Kelly. We are also glad to have the following new men with us: R.W. Dubose, CSF, H.D. Copeland, SF2c, J.M. Redinger, SF2c, and J.M. Allen, SF3c.

HEADQUARTERS

It is rumored that "Commander" Bennish had a scrap with a crab while shell hunting last Friday and came out second best. Moral to this story could be - better look before you feel next time, son.

Did anyone notice the faint resemblance between Zalenski and Parker here recently? (And most of us thought one genuine G.I. haircut in a lifetime was enough.)

W. C. (Red) Smith was bitten on the right hand by a box of potatoes here last week. (Doggone! it seems like you just can't trust anything after you have been on this rock for three or four months.)

For the latest and most authentic information on when we are going to leave the "Rock", where we are going and what we will do when we get there consult with Scotty McDougall, Hut number 37, first bunk to the left - Office hours: anytime after 1700. P.S. If Scotty is not in see John Wiel. We have been told that he will be glad to pinch hit for him.

Cheer up fellows. Things could be worse. We can look forward to marching to and from chow to the tune of: one, two, three, four, and your left.

RED CROSS OFFICIAL HERE

L. I. Duggan, Field Director of the American Red Cross, has arrived here and has opened an office located temporarily in the Chaplains office in the rear of Cooper Chapel.

Mr. Duggan will be glad to interview any Marine, Sailor or Seabee regarding any problems the fellows may have, and to assist each of them in any way possible within the limitations of the Red Cross

program. Office hours for the present will be from 0900 to 1200.

If you have any worries the Chaplain can't take care of, just see Mr. Duggan and this peasant fellow will be delighted to help all he can. Also if you can't go in to see Mr. Duggan, send word him (he doesn't have a phone yet and he will come to see you, regardless of your location).

Company A

Friends report that Bowers and Martin have bad cases of "Crimson Posterics".

We hope Camy enjoyed the trip yonder. He was at the dock bidding the boys goodbye, when he discovered that he was traveling with them. Incidentally, we are going to miss those fellows and we wish them lots of luck.

DID YOU KNOW THAT -----

A. P. Conger graduated from Tennessee Tech (with a record for year average) as a civil engineer.

The wife of L. A. Lind is a WA sergeant with a tank destroyer unit and is stationed at Camp Hood Tex.

Chief Briney is a new member of the happy family of shell stringers?

The cat-eye polishing business will go into a slump for a while now. Shorty Bernard got a "Return to Duty" on his last visit to the sick bay.

If you are looking for "Tailor" Bengé around clean-up time in the morning there is no use looking in his hut. He is always away at that time.

Pappy Duplissey looks a little down in the mouth here lately - Cheer up Pappy, we may get some beer again some of these days.

RAMBLINGS

Thank Bert Brooks for bringing those copies of the Daily Eagle to you now.....After three months, yours truly, was relieved by Bert.... Thanks a lot Bert... Last Friday's drill was excellent in the eyes of this writer... That is something that all of us need..... Dame Rumor has it that L. W. Lewis and R. L. Simons may go into the Merchant Marine when this war is over.....

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Company needs a reporter ---- Someone in Company D please volunteer to take the place of G. G. Dulis, who has departed to greener pastures (we hope).

SPORTS
By R. H. Busby

I'm sorry fellows and is my face red - and I do mean red. In the league standings last week I gave the Greys credit for five wins and four defeats while the way that it should have been is four wins and five defeats. This of course brings the Greys and the Aces into a tie for sixth place and a game must be played to determine which of these two teams will play in the second round. I had hoped to bring you the results of this game in this issue of the paper but for one reason or another it has been necessary to postpone this game. It will however be played in the very near future (Wednesday of this week is the plans so it should be over when you receive this paper) and then the second round will get under way. Baseball has rather slowed down in the past two weeks but it will be in full swing again before the week is out. The second round will be between the six top teams of the league and should give us a lot of swell ball games to watch.

There were two games played this past week and the Equipment team which played one of the games against the Scrubs still remains the only undefeated team in the league. In a game that was featured by exceptionally good pitching on both sides the Equipment gang beat the Scrubs five to one. Staples for the Scrubs pitched four hit ball, which in most cases will win a ball game, but McLavy allowed only two hits during the seven innings and came out the victor. Blanton at the plate was the outstanding hitter getting two for three and the only man on either team to get more than one hit in the ball game. That old story of "one bad inning" was the real downfall of the Scrubs in this game because the sixth inning was a series of walks and errors and a timely hit that gave the Equipment team four of their five runs on only two hits. Games of this kind may be expected in the coming second round of play.

In the other game played during the week the Scrubs again were in there trying - this time against the Guns. In this game the Scrubs didn't play the brand of ball that they had shown when they played the Equipment team, Staples was wild and the Guns hits were more plentiful and long. Scoring thirteen runs on nine hits the Guns had a more or less easy time winning the game thirteen to seven. Although dropping a place or two in the league standings the Scrubs are still in the league and will no doubt be a big pain in the side to many of the teams that play in the second round.

The punching bag is showing plenty of signs of wear and many of the fellows are getting a good workout by using it regularly. The boxing ring is being given some use from time to time and a lot of fun is had by all when someone gets brave and goes in there. Boxing is a swell sport but a lot of hard work and this is most likely the answer to why we don't have more boxers among the gang. All the gang would enjoy seeing our champ, Johnie Mickleburgh in action again as well as the other Seabees who have worn the gloves in the P.X. ring. A ping pong table has been set up in the new recreation hut in the area now and I think (maybe this is still in the scuttlebutt stage) that there will be a ping pong tournament in the very near future to determine the best player in the Seabee detachment. Better get in all the practice that you can, as soon as you can. There has been a little delay in obtaining a basket ball but the court is ready and as soon as the ball arrives there should be some good games there. The most popular sport the past two weeks has been hunting the enemy on Fridays and it looked as if this included swimming, boating, shooting and many other sports all in one, because some of the men were plenty wet and I am told that some thought that they were really being fired upon -- anyhow its a lot more fun than "Rip - March".

Next week we will be back with a lot of base ball again and will be crying for more room in the paper to write it all up so for this time forgive me if I seem to chatter on like a polly parrot - you can't fill up a full page with only two ball games unless you give a play by play account of them. Maybe I should have done that - don't answer that, I already know.